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Date: 08 MAR 1979 By **A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Informal arrangements with FE are expected to lead to an informal detail by FE to LAS of a native speaker of Korean who will (a) completely redo our Korean tapes, and (b) assist in any language class that may develop. There have been some rumblings from FE about a part-time class, although these rumblings are muffled at present.

2. Dr. has reported for duty.

3. on his own initiative, has prepared draft of a letter for the DCI setting forth his views on the language problem. He has invited us to contribute to his draft which we have agreed to do. I have agreed to give him our comments about 13 October.

4. I invite your special attention to report, attached hereto, on last week's "Institute" (para. A). This is another of a series of extra-curricular training activities that we conceive and develop to improve the quality of language instruction provided by our non-staff contract employees and volunteer instructors. These activities have "sparked" a good many instructors, and already we can observe improving quality of instruction by both contract and volunteer instructors. The active response is particularly significant in that much participation involves sacrifice of personal time.

5. attends the monthly Roundtable on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 4-6 October, at Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y. An unusually interesting program is planned. He will return to duty, following brief leave, on 13 October. During his absence, will serve as Acting Chief/LAS.

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DATE: 1 October 1958

FROM : Deputy Chief, Plans, Research and Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We welcome Dr. [] Cultural Anthropologist, on board. He comes on contract to direct the development of the new LAS program on preparing and training Agency personnel for overseas assignment. 25X1
2. The space problem continues to plague us. At present the full facilities of the school are being utilized to a degree that involves curtailment of efficiency due to doubling up and overlapping. [] has been doing splendidly in trying to work out a satisfactory distribution of space but the time is rapidly approaching when a fresh approach will have to be made if we are to discharge effectively our growing responsibilities for language and area training. 25X1
3. [] have done a magnificent job of arranging the Area Library in working order. 25X1
4. [] of the [] on the problem of training for overseas operations. Dr. [] reported that the [] were "delighted" with the success of their first institute on American Overseas Operations which [] had attended on behalf of OTR. As a result, the institute will be repeated on an annual basis. It is an activity we could benefit from and should follow closely and it is hoped that OTR can be represented next year, preferably by [] 25X1

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5. During the past week the following books have been received by the LAS/TR Library in I Building:

Bonn Is Not Weimar (German) 1 Copy

The Passing of Traditional Society 2 Copies

The United States and China 2 Copies

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6. on the procedure of operating the Language Lab that they have inaugurated for the Strategic Intelligence School.
7. Thirty-three people reported last week for proficiency test in German, Arabic, Japanese, Russian, Korean, French and Bulgarian.
8. Seven people were tested orally last week in Greek.
9. Fifteen Certifications for Language Award certificates were sent to the Registrar.



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FROM : Deputy for Language Training

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Forty-five new and old instructors in the Voluntary Language Training Program attended a Saturday morning briefing session held in the R&S auditorium. The purpose of this briefing, arranged by [] was to explain and demonstrate to the VLTP instructors the language-teaching techniques which we feel will bring the best results. At the first part of the program, the full gathering was addressed by []. Then the group was divided into three smaller groups for practical demonstrations of drilling and other teaching techniques, and for general discussions. These three groups were led respectively by []. Comment after the briefings seemed to indicate that they were welcome and helpful, and we will probably arrange to do something similar at the beginning of each trimester, whenever new instructors enter the Program.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The full-time Advanced Chinese (RW) course which we have arranged at the specific request of FDD has begun, with an enrollment of four students, all from FDD.

2. An Uzbek Workshop (Reading) will begin early in October. This activity, which will be conducted by [] is in response to a request from one of the former students in [] Basic Uzbek course to be allowed to continue his studies in some form. Other interested employees of a similar level of proficiency will be allowed to participate on request.

3. The number of persons attending the French seminar (Tuesdays and Thursdays - 1200 to 1300) has increased to the point where it has become necessary to split up the group. One section will continue to meet in room 2832 I Building while the other will meet in room 2822 Quarters Eye.

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Regional Survey: Moscow-Peking Axis #1 course, terminated Friday, 26 September with 24 students in regular attendance and 2 auditors. LAS contributed 65% of the instructional time, while SIC was responsible for the remainder of the course. Presentation of this course coincided well with the current events in the Far East.
2. We made a good start on Tuesday with Italy - BCS #1, enrollment 12. [] sounded the keynote, with his views on Italy's situation today and on the widespread need in the ranks for a fresh look at the subject. Our spot quiz on general information concerning Italy to help sort out the students and give those who needed it a psychological shock, turned up an average score of 68%, a high of 91 (by an Army student), and a low of 39 (also Army). [] observed this session and will observe others during his break-in period. w/m?
3. We phoned [] to follow up on Karamessines' interest in the "Saturday Special" proposal for briefing dependents, as reported in DTR's last staff meeting. Our purpose was to discuss whether other areas besides those regularly covered in the AAO's [] might not profitably be handled for dependents. Mrs. [] is checking to see if Karamessines' interest is not centered rather on OB/IS's dependents' briefings. By way of filling her in on what we try to do and how our effort is received in the DDP, [] asked C/Admin/EE to forward to her a copy of [] report to C/EE in June, based on his observation of the entire course on [] at that time.

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4. [] attended State's special briefing in 117 Central on the activities of its External Training Division. We believe that this division will be of considerable assistance in LAS' preparation of the new American Overseas Seminar.

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5. [] attended a number of lectures in FSI's one-week, full-time course on International Communication. While the course was pointed toward people-to-people communication rather than person-to-person relationships, which will be the focus of our new program, talks by Professor Paul Linebarger of SAIS and Mrs. Emily Krueger of USIA included many observations that were provocative and useful.



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